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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

It is requested that the enclosed reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Four of the enclosed references are cited and discussed at pages 1-4 of the present specification. The other two references cited in the Background section of the application were already submitted in the Information Disclosure Statements of July 22, 1998 (cited in counterpart German Office Action) and July 15, 1999 (cited in counterpart European Office Action). WO 91 07932 and WO 91 18559 are English language counterparts of two of the Japanese language references cited in the counterpart Japanese Office Action and submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement of September 23, 1999. Frey U.S. Patent 3,848,273 was cited by the Examiner in the PTO-892 of June 23, 1999, but omitted in the PTO-892 of December 29, 1999.

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Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

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